

happen with this board, then you decide what kind of panel or what kind of name you want to put on it.

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. I think ultimately the IPAB seeks to save money by simply cutting blindly without regard to innovation, without regard to structural reform, simply having a board of unelected bureaucrats ration care by making decisions on what Medicare will cover, won't cover, and by how much.

Yes, we need to do what is fiscally right, but we need to keep our promise to our seniors; and the way that you do both is to reform Medicare structurally, not to blindly cut, leaving all the rules the same, just reducing what you are paying doctors.

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That's not the path. That's not the path. That is, in effect, rationing, and that will continue to exacerbate the problem of Medicare recipients being unable to find doctors who will take them. The answer is to take Medicare that has been so good to so many seniors and reform it and innovate and make changes that won't just cut costs by reducing the money paid but will actually change the rules so that we are able to get more value and more services for our dollar. And that's the approach we have to take.

Mr. DESJARLAIS. I'll just add one more point. I can tell you that there's not a senior I've talked to that wants a bureaucrat in the exam room with us making their decisions. We build rela-

tionships with those patients. There's a trust between the patient and their doctor, and I'll guarantee you the patients don't want bureaucrats overseeing that exam room making those decisions for them. So when we move forward with these reforms, we certainly need to keep that in mind.

I would like to thank the gentleman for leading this hour on such an important topic.

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. I thank the gentleman from Tennessee for his service here in the Congress and as a physician. I thank him for joining me here tonight. And I just want to reiterate what you said. Whatever solution we come up with has got to be patient-centered and respect the doctor-patient relationship. Patient-Centered, not government bureaucracy-centered—patient-centered.

I thank the gentleman for joining me. I thank all of my colleagues for joining us here tonight.

I yield back the balance of my time.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today and March 20.

Mr. HEINRICH (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today.

Mr. HONDA (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today on account of official business.

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today through March 21.

Mr. BACHUS (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of minor throat surgery.

Mr. MARINO (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today on account of illness.

Mrs. BONO MACK (at the request of Mr. CANTOR) for today through March 21 on account of attending a funeral.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 473. An act to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GRIFFIN of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXPENDITURE REPORTS CONCERNING OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL

Reports concerning the foreign currencies and U.S. dollars utilized for Official Foreign Travel during the first quarter of 2012 pursuant to Public Law 95-384 are as follows:

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO BELGIUM FOR THE NATO PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 10 AND FEB. 14, 2012

| Name of Member or employee | Date | | Country | Per diem ¹ | | Transportation | | Other purposes | | Total | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|
| | Arrival | Departure | | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² |
| Hon. Mike Turner | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Hon. Jeff Miller | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Hon. Mike Ross | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Hon. Jo Ann Emerson | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Hon. Carolyn McCarthy | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Tim Morrison | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Riley Moore | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Kelly Craven | 2/10 | 2/14 | Belgium | | 1,611.75 | | (³) | | | | 1,611.75 |
| Committee total | | | | | | | | | | | 12,894.00 |

¹ Per diem constitutes lodging and meals.

² If foreign currency is used, enter U.S. dollar equivalent; if U.S. currency is used, enter amount expended.

³ Military air transportation.

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER, Mar. 8, 2012.

REPORT OF EXPENDITURES FOR OFFICIAL FOREIGN TRAVEL, DELEGATION TO KENYA AND SOUTH SUDAN, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, EXPENDED BETWEEN FEB. 17 AND FEB. 22, 2012

| Name of Member or employee | Date | | Country | Per diem ¹ | | Transportation | | Other purposes | | Total | |
|----------------------------|---------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|------------------|--|
| | Arrival | Departure | | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² | Foreign currency | U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency ² |
| Daniel Scandling | | 2/17 | United States | | | | 13,753.00 | | | | 13,753.00 |
| | 2/18 | 2/21 | Kenya | | 119.93 | | | | | | 119.93 |
| | 2/19 | 2/21 | South Sudan | | 3 540.00 | | 1,269.25 | | | | 1,809.25 |
| | 2/21 | 2/21 | Kenya | | | | | | | | |
| Hon. Frank Wolf | | 2/22 | United States | | | | | | | | |
| | | 2/17 | United States | | | | 13,753.00 | | | | 13,753.00 |
| | 2/18 | 2/21 | Kenya | | 119.93 | | | | | | 119.93 |
| | 2/19 | 2/21 | South Sudan | | 3 540.00 | | 1,269.25 | | | | 1,809.25 |